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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Ms. Mary English Furlong of
Tullahoma upon being named as an Outstanding
Democrat of Coffee County for the year 2000.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to congratulate those active and committed Tennesseans who give of their time, talent and energy to infuse vitality into the political processes of their communities and counties; and

WHEREAS, Mary English Furlong of Tullahoma, is one such dedicated and energetic local political activist who has recently been named an Outstanding Democrat of Coffee County for 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mary English was born in Pensacola, Florida, attended elementary and high school in South Alabama, and graduated from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and English; and

WHEREAS, following graduation, Mary worked as a mathematician and technical editor for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, now known as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in Langley, Virginia; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Furlong moved to Tullahoma in 1956; she and her husband, the late G. Chester Furlong, a former technical director of operations at the Arnold Center, were the proud parents of Mickie Smith, a training officer for the Tennessee Department of Transportation in Dickson and a recent graduate of the Nashville School of Law; Alice, a self-employed artist in Seymour, Tennessee; George, the regional vice president of State Auto Insurance Companies in Nashville; and Robin Teeters, a guidance counselor in the Norman School System in Norman, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Furlong is a lifelong Democrat, who first worked for her party in Adlai Stevenson's 1952 presidential campaign; a founding member of the Highland Rim Democratic Club since 1995, Mary has served as the club's secretary since 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mary Furlong has long been active in civic and service organizations in her community, having served as a Coffee County Commissioner from 1982-94, Chairman of the Budget and Finance and Legislative Committees of the Commission, member of the Education Committee and the Public Records Commission, and presently as Parliamentarian of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Ms. Furlong has served astutely as an eight-term Chair of the Coffee County Library Board, a founding member and past chair of the Literacy Council, past Regent of the Tullahoma Chapter of the NSDAR, past President of the Arnold Engineering and Development Center Woman's Club; and

WHEREAS, Mary Furlong is an active and committed member of Tullahoma First United Methodist Church; she was very active in the Parent Teachers Association and Scouts when her children were young; and

WHEREAS, Mary English Furlong has given unstintingly to her community, her church and her party over the years, and has earned the respect and gratitude of all who have worked with her and have come to know her; and

WHEREAS, such a record of service and dedication should not go unnoticed and unappreciated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of this General Assembly congratulate Ms. Mary English Furlong upon being named an Outstanding Democrat of Coffee County for the year 2000, thanking her for her years of service to her community, and wishing her every success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.